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**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Municipal Officers
OF THE
TOWN OF
PROSPECT**



**For the Municipal Year
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Town Officers

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

MARION B. LA FORGE

RICHARD E. DYER

FRANK B. ASHWORTH

Treasurer

MELINDA RAINES

Tax Collector

FRED M. COLE

Town Clerk

BERTHA AVERY

Road Commissioner

ADELBERT KELLEY

Auditor

DONALD H. WILL, C.P.A.

Fire Chief

PAUL L. SMITH

Moderator

RICHARD E. DYER

Constable

DANIEL FARNSWORTH

Health Officer

DANIEL FARNSWORTH

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber

CHARLES BOYNTON

Fire Ward

PAUL L. SMITH

School Committee

HELEN HARRIMAN

VERA DYER

GORDON CLEMENTS

Superintendent of Schools

BERNARD PIERCE

Budget Committee Report

We have carefully viewed the accounts and to the best of our ability and judgement we believe that we have arrived at fair and necessary figures for our recommendations for appropriations to the various departments.

These recommendations appear under each article in the Warrant. Appropriation total - \$20,332.50.

Respectfully,

ALTON GRINDLE
CHARLES BOYNTON
HERMAN HARRIMAN

Town Warrant

WALDO, ss.

STATE OF MAINE

To Daniel Farnsworth, Constable of the Town of Prospect.

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Prospect, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the K. of P. Hall, Prospect at 7 o'clock P.M., E.S.T., March 20, 1961 to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will accept the 1960 report of the municipal officers, as presented for the said year.
- Art. 4. To choose three or more Selectmen, Assessors of Taxes and Overseers of the Poor, and to see if the term shall be one or three years and fix salaries for same.
- Art. 5. To choose a Town Treasurer and fix salary for same.
- Art. 6. To see what rate the Town will pay for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.
- Art. 7. To choose a Tax Collector for the ensuing year.
- Art. 8. To choose one or more Constables.
- Art. 9. To choose Surveyors of Wood and Lumber.
- Art. 10. To choose Town or Law Agent.
- Art. 11. To choose one or more Road Commissioners.
- Art. 12. To choose one member of the School Committee for three years.

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Art. 13. To see if the Town will accept a written ballot instead of a hand ballot for any article involving the raising of money.

Art. 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Common Schools. Recommend \$5,100.00

Art. 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for tuition scholars to Secondary Schools of standard grade. Recommend \$5,100.00

Art. 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Account for Schools. (Repairs and equipment) Recommend \$500.00.

Art. 17. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Milk Program in Prospect Schools. Recommend \$100.00.

Art. 18. To see what action the voters of the Town will take in regards to Excise Tax Revenue and the disposition of the same. Recommend to Officers' Salaries.

Art. 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Audit. Recommend \$225.00.

Art. 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of Town Roads. Recommend \$1,300.00.

Art. 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal for Town, State Aid and Town proportion of State Highway Maintenance. Recommend \$1,000.00.

Art. 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children. Recommend \$1,000.00.

Art. 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Poor. Recommend \$1,200.00.

Art. 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Expense. Recommend \$1,000.00.

Art. 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' salaries. Recommend to apply Excise Tax.

Art. 26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid Road Construction, in addition to amounts regularly raised for care of Ways, Highways and Bridges, under provisions of Sections 44, 49 and 50. Chapter 23 R.S. 1954 as amended. Recommend \$600.00.

Art. 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of Surety Bonds for Treasurer, Tax Collector and Constable. Recommend \$42.50.

Art. 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Protection. Recommend \$1,200.00.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to change from volunteer to a call Fire Department. Amount to be taken from the Fire Department account.

Art. 30. To choose a Fire Chief for the ensuing year and fix salary for same.

Art. 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civil Defense. Recommend \$200.00.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of all tax titles held by the Town on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds for such property.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to charge interest on all taxes after one year of committment.

Art. 34. To choose one member of the Budget Committee for three years.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will continue the street light at the intersections of Blanket Lane and Rt. 174 at the Town's expense.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will continue the street light in front of the K. of P. Hall.

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Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50.00 for public health nursing in Prospect. Said sum to be expended by the Maine Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Health, for local service. Recommend \$50.00.

Art. 38. To see whether or not the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91, Section 108, of the Revised Statutes of 1954.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, or majority thereof, to secure temporary loan or loans, not to exceed \$8,000.00 and to negotiate notes bearing interest at such rates and payable at such dates as the Selectmen, or the majority thereof, approve during the calendar year; said notes to be paid out of money raised for taxes this current year.

Art. 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of Prospect Cemetery, specifically known as Maple Grove Cemetery. Recommend \$200.00.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for the care of all Veteran's graves located in Town in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 58, Sections 3 and 4 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1954. Recommend \$100.00.

Art. 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Dump. Recommend \$250.00.

Art. 43. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a Health Clinic. Recommend \$125.00.

Art. 44. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for deposit in the Capital Reserve Fund. Recommend \$1,000.

Art. 45. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate toward the expense of Fluoride treatment for school children in certain grades. Recommend \$40.00.

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Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to have Town Meeting during the day.

Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to close the Town Road from the Point Road to the cemetery.

The Selectmen will be in session at their office in the K. of P. Hall at 6 o'clock P.M. on March 20, 1961 for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands in the Town of Prospect, this second day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one.

MARION B. LA FORGE

RICHARD E. DYER

FRANK B. ASHWORTH

Selectmen of Prospect

A True Attest Copy

Daniel Farnsworth,
Constable.

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Selectmens' Report

VALUATION

Real Estate - Resident	\$108,699.00
Real Estate - Non-Resident	74,400.00
Total Real Estate	\$183,099.00
Personal Estate - Resident	13,405.00
Personal Estate - Non-Resident	8,581.00
Total Personal Estate	21,986.00
Total Real and Personal Estate	205,085.00
Less Exempt Property	5,125.00
Total Land Value	\$52,549.00
Total Building Value	130,550.00

ASSESSMENTS - COLLECTIONS

Valuation and Rate	
\$205,085.00 x .116	23,789.86
Commitment	23,789.86
87 Polls @ \$3.00	261.00
Total Commitment	24,050.86
Supplemental Tax	312.70
Total Charge to Collector	24,363.56
Abatements	354.81
Collections	19,858.05
1960 Tax Receivable	4,150.70

PERSONAL PROPERTY LIST

	No.	Value
Taxable Neat Cattle (Bulls, Cows, Beef, etc.)	105	\$4,240.00
Domestic Fowl (over 50 in number)	375	225.00
Other Taxable Live Stock (Horses, Sheep, Swine, etc.)	5	250.00
Total		\$4,715.00

OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in Trade, mercantile	1,600.00
Machinery and Equipment (Industrial, Merc., Farm)	1,991.00
TV	3,325.00
Other kinds of Property (Comm. Broilers)	10,355.00
Live Stock brought forward	4,715.00
 Total	21,986.00

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES

Railroads	1,285.00
Water Companies (Domestic use only)	2,100.00
Light & Power Company	43,385.00

ASSESSED APPROPRIATIONS

Elementary Schools	\$7,000.00
Tuition Secondary	6,000.00
General Expense	500.00
Milk Program	100.00
Audit	225.00
Town Roads	1,300.00 plus \$200.00 from
Snow & Ice Removal	1,000.00 Surplus
Cutting Bushes	200.00
Bridge Repair	200.00
A. D. C.	1,000.00
Town Poor	1,000.00
General Expense	800.00
State Aid Road	600.00
Bonds	40.00
Fire Protection	1,000.00
Civil Defense	200.00
Health Nurse	50.00
Cap. Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance	200.00
Town Dump	100.00
Health Clinic	125.00

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Fluoride Dental Treatment	55.00
Flu Inoculation	75.00

ASSESSED TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

Assessed Town Appropriations	22,770.00
County Tax	1,106.30
Overlay	174.56
Total Assessed Appropriations	24,050.86

1960 UNCOLLECTED TAXES - RESIDENT

* Paid after settlement

Annis, Merle B.	57.52*
Brown, Elden Heirs	33.06
Bennett, Geo.	66.12
Billado Bros.	16.18*
Billado, Edwin Heirs	1.16
Brown, Linwood Heirs	31.90
Brown, Mary	203.58
Clark, Alice	52.20
Bridges, Edward	5.90
Costigan, Louis, Sr.	206.58
Costigan, Stanley	36.64
Doughty, Ada	40.02
Fairbrother, Chas.	2.90
Gray, Chas.	180.96
Gray, Vincent	3.00
Gray, Vincent & Quinton	29.00
Gray, Quinton	20.88
Gamble, Albert	8.80*
George, Frank	138.38*
George, Shirley	3.00*
Guse, Leroy	237.22
Gerow, Fred & Beatrice	8.80*
Gallison, Max	2.90
Hall, Maurice	3.00
Hamm, Lloyd	407.16
Harvey, Geo Mrs.	21.46*
Harper, Arthur	7.83
Johnson, Donald	8.80*

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Lyford, Kenneth	34.80
Laughner, James & Florence	5.80
Leach, Merle	91.64*
McBain, Kenneth	111.36
McIver, Kenneth	211.70
McBain, Janet	5.80*
Philbrick, Parker	3.00*
Doughty, Lafayette	3.00*
Patterson, Herbert & Rosalie	89.32
Seekins, Dorothy	18.56
Seekins, David	3.00
Smith, John	8.80
Swift, Wm.	23.88*
Servisky, Stanley, Jr.	.70
Smart, Russell	16.10*
Smart, O.G. Heirs-	
Grant Place	39.44
Smart, O.G. Heirs	101.50
Servisky, Beulah	40.37
Wescott, Geo. A.	14.02
Wescott, Geo. Jr.	3.00
White, Herbert	37.70
Webster, Raymond	65.30
Webster, Henry	5.90*
Warman, Arthur	86.52
Welch, Norman, Jr.	3.00*
Webber, Leroy	238.96*
Young, K.	26.78*

NON - RESIDENT

Ayer, Glendon	33.06
Chandler, Bért	23.20
Dunever, Ernest	29.00
Golden, Richard	13.92
Gross, Geneva Heirs	46.98
Hartley, Martha	1.74
Harriman, Helen B.	14.50
Haley, Grace Heirs	70.76
Koch & Rice	58.00
Koch, Wm. Jr. & Katherine	18.56
Koch, Wm. Jr.	18.56

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Kingsbury, Nat.	13.92
Littlefield, Amy	51.62
Lowe, Earl	19.72
Reed, Merrill	50.46
Richardson, Geo.	162.40
Snow, Geo. & Myrtle	12.18
Sprague, John Heirs	2.32
Sullivan Music Co.	23.20
Simmonds, Myrtle	64.96
Voss, Carroll & Wilma	99.18*
Walker, Augustus	49.30
Standish, Arnold	145.82
West, Geo. Heirs	1.16
Wescott, Earl	1.16
Unallocated difference	.12
Total	\$4,150.70

1959 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Doughty, Lafayette, Jr.	3.00
Gamble, Albert	13.00
Wescott, Geo.	5.00
Warman, Arthur	3.50
Laughner, Jas.	10.00
Hall, Maurice	5.00
Smith, John	5.00
Less Collector's Unaccounted for difference	3.00
Total	41.50

1958 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Billado Heirs	1.00
Ward, Elliott	6.50
Sanborn, Forest	10.50
Kingsbury, Nat.	12.00
Unallocated difference	.98
Total	30.98

1957 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Billado, Edwin Heirs	.77
Lyford, Kenneth	13.50
Seekins, David	11.16
Lowe, Earl	13.09
Total	38.52

1956 UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Hathaway, Vernon	7.70
Billado, Edwin Heirs	.77
Seekins, David	18.48
Stickney, Almon	15.32
Total	51.89

GAIN FROM SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY 535.82TAX LIENS - 1960

Littlefield, Amy	26.00
Lyford, Kenneth	25.00
Kingsbury, Nat.	12.00
Smart, Russell	8.50*
Lowe, Earl	17.00
Total	89.50

TAX LIENS - 1959

Lyford, Kenneth	25.00
Reed, Merrill	137.50
Total	162.50

COST OF LIENS

Collected	96.66
Charged	19.00
Balance	77.66

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EXCISE TAX RECEIPTS

Collected	1,525.76
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INTEREST

Collected	15.76
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CAPITAL RESERVE INVESTMENT

1960 Bal. Forwarded	4,030.14
Deposited	1,000.00
Interest	139.29
1961 Bal. Forwarded	5,169.43

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Harry Palmer	9.60
Arthur Harper	24.91
Kenneth Lyford	25.00
Total	59.51

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Alton Grindle-Street Light	19.85
Expended	18.15
Balance	1.70

AUDIT

Appropriated	225.00
Expended	225.00

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

Appropriated	200.00
Expended	200.00

GENERAL EXPENSE

Appropriated	800.00
Credits	110.25
Expended	1,070.21
Overdraft	159.96

FIRE PROTECTION

Appropriated	1,000.00
Expended	1,051.22
Overdraft	51.22

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Bal. Forwarded	398.26
Appropriated	1,000.00
Credits-State	2,785.25
Expended	4,125.70
Bal. Forwarded	57.81

TOWN ROADS

Appropriated	1,300.00
From Surplus	200.00
Expended	1,374.75
Bal. to Surplus	125.25

TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND

Expenditures	1,402.91
Credit - State	1,402.91

STATE AID ROAD

Appropriated	600.00
Paid to State	600.00

BRIDGE REPAIR

Appropriated	200.00
Credit	40.00
Bal. to Surplus	240.00

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CUTTING BUSHES

Appropriated	200.00
Expended	180.50
Bal. to Surplus	19.50

HEALTH NURSE

Appropriated	50.00
Expended	50.00

OFFICER'S BONDS

Appropriated	40.00
Expended	42.50
Overdraft	2.50

CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriated	200.00
Expended	120.38
Bal. to Surplus	79.62

MILK PROGRAM

Appropriated	100.00
Expended	100.00

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Expended	12.00
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TOWN DUMP

Appropriated	100.00
Expended	127.55
Overdraft	27.55

HEALTH CLINIC

Appropriated	125.00
Expended	48.19
Bal. to Surplus	76.81

FLUORIDE DENTAL TREATMENT

Appropriated	55.00
Expended	30.00
Bal. to Surplus	25.00

FLU INOCULATIONS

Appropriated	75.00
Credit	17.00
Expended	74.00
Bal. to Surplus	18.00

TOWN POOR

Appropriated	1,000.00
Voted from Surplus	1,270.65
Expended	2,369.02
Overdraft	98.37

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriated	1,000.00
Expended	1,001.51
Overdraft	1.51

STATE POOR

Expended	20.00
Paid by State	20.00

OFFICERS' SALARIES

Excise Tax Appropriated	1,525.76
Marion B. La Forge, 1st Select.	350.00
Richard E. Dyer 2nd Select.	275.00
Frank B. Ashworth 3rd Select.	175.00
Melinda Rainey Treasurer	150.00
Fred M. Cole Tax. Coll.	713.07
Bertha Avery Town Clerk	50.00
Daniel Farnsworth Health Clerk	15.00
Daniel Farnsworth Constable	20.00

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Lee Bennett	Ballot Clerk	9.00
Chas. Gray	Ballot Clerk	9.00
Randall Eames	Ballot Clerk	9.00
Daniel Farnsworth	Ballot Clerk	18.00
Paul L. Smith	Fire Chief	150.00
Richard E. Dyer (2)	Moderator	<u>20.00</u>

Total	1,963.07
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Overdraft	437.31
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COUNTY TAX

Assessed Appropriation	1,106.30
Expended	1,106.30

Respectfully submitted,

MARION B. LAFORGE
RICHARD E. DYER
FRANK B. ASHWORTH
Selectmen of Prospect, Maine
Waldo County

Treasurer's Report

January 31, 1960 Cash Balance		\$2,459.98
<u>Receipts</u>		
1960 Tax		\$19,858.05
1959 Tax		2,187.50
1958 Tax		148.50
1957 Tax		4.62
1956 Tax		31.57
1955 Tax		28.00
Excise Tax		1,525.76
Departmental		
School Department Credits		8,108.13
Withheld Income Tax		870.20
Miscellaneous Account		167.10
T.R.I. Fund - State		1,402.91
Snow Removal - State		2,785.25
Liens		810.94
Cost of Liens		96.66
Interest		15.76
Bridge Account		40.00
Town Property Sold		625.00
Merrill Trust Co.		7,000.00
Total Receipts		45,705.95
Total Cash and Receipts		<u>48,165.93</u>
Warrants Drawn		<u>46,471.62</u>
February 1, 1961 Cash Balance Forward		1,694.31
I have paid bounty on 27 Porcupines		

Respectfully,

MELINDA RAINNEY
Treasurer

Auditor's Report

February 28, 1961

To the Inhabitants of
The Town of Prospect
Prospect, Maine

Pursuant to the request of your Municipal Officers we have completed an audit of the books of Account and Records of the Town of Prospect for the fiscal year ended February 1, 1961.

The audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and therefore included all procedures deemed necessary in the circumstances. The audit included a verification of cash and a review and analysis of the accounts of the Assessors, Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Excise Tax Collector and Town Clerk. A test check of Taxes Receivable, Unpaid Tax Liens and Accounts Receivable was made in a manner considered necessary in the circumstances.

Your attention is invited to the appended comments and to the suggestions and recommendations which are considered to be worthy of your consideration.

We hereby certify that a true copy of this report has been forwarded to Department of Audit, State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD H. WILL ASSOCIATES
By Donald H. Will

CERTIFICATE

In my opinion, subject to the following comments, the appended exhibits and schedules fairly present in accordance with generally accepted principles of Municipal Accounting consistently maintained the financial condition of the Town of Prospect at February 1, 1961 and the results of the operations for the year then ended.

DONALD H. WILL

COMMENTS

Your attention is invited to the following comments relative to the items appearing in the Balance Sheet Exhibit "A".

Cash on deposit was verified by reconciliation of statement received from the depositary bank, the Merrill Trust Co., Bangor, Maine.

Taxes committed to the Collector were verified by examination of the valuation records prepared by the Assessors. All uncollected taxes by year of commitment were verified by examination of subsidiary records. A summary of transactions in the 1960 commitment is shown as Schedule A-1 of this report of audit. A review of prior years taxes was made and balances at the close of the current municipal year are as follows:

1956 Commitment	51.89
1957 Commitment	38.52
1958 Commitment	30.98
	<u>121.39</u>

Records maintained by the Treasurer were examined in detail. It was ascertained that all recorded receipts had been promptly deposited and correctly distributed. All disbursements had been made by check and were supported by properly approved warrants issued by the Selectmen.

No change was noted in the Accounts Receivable.

Capital Reserve Fund Investment was examined and found correct.

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EXHIBIT "A"

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	Feb. 1, 1961	Feb. 1, 1960
	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	
<u>ASSETS:</u>		
Cash	1,694.31	2,459.98
Taxes Receivable	4,313.59	3,102.08
Tax Liens	89.50	546.50
Tax Acquired Property	189.57	188.69
Accounts Receivable	<u>59.51</u>	<u>59.51</u>
	<u>6,346.48</u>	<u>6,356.76</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS</u>		
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>		
Accrued Withholding Tax	90.20	74.40
Accounts Payable	<u>1.70</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>91.90</u>	<u>74.40</u>
<u>RESERVES:</u>		
Authorized Expenditures	727.39	(218.38)
<u>SURPLUS:</u>		
Unappropriated	<u>5,527.19</u>	<u>6,500.74</u>
	<u>6,346.48</u>	<u>6,356.76</u>
<u>CAPITAL RESERVE</u>		
<u>INVESTMENT -</u>		
Time Deposits	<u>5,169.43</u>	<u>4,030.14</u>
<u>PRINCIPAL -</u>		
Reserve Fund	<u>5,169.43</u>	<u>4,030.14</u>

EXHIBIT "B"

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUSYear ended February 1, 1961

Balance February 13, 1960 6,500.74

ADDITIONS:

Tax Lien Adjustment	1.00
Gain on sale Tax Acquired Property	<u>535.82</u>
	536.82
	7,037.56

DECREASE:

Excess of Expenditures over appropriations and revenues	18.56
To Town Poor Appropriation	1,270.65
To Town Road Appropriation	200.00
Adjustment of Cash Balance of prior year due to Warrants errors	<u>21.16</u>
	1,510.37
Balance February 1, 1961	<u>5,527.19</u>

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EXHIBIT "E"

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTSYear ended February 1, 1961Cash Balance February 13, 1960 2,459.98ADD:

Receipts-

Current years Taxes	19,858.05
Prior years Taxes	<u>2,400.19</u>
Tax Liens	673.50
Tax Acquired Property	762.44
Withholding Taxes	870.20
Accounts Payable-(Donations)	19.85
Departmental (Exhibit "C")	<u>21,121.72</u>

Total Receipts	<u>45,705.95</u>
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Total Available	48,165.93
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DEDUCT:

Disbursements-

Withholding Taxes Paid	854.40
Accounts Payable	18.15
Departmental (Exhibit "C")	<u>45,577.91</u>

46,450.46

1,715.47

LESS: Adjustment of Warrants Charged in 1958/59	<u>21.16</u>
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Cash Balance February 1, 1961	<u>1,694.31</u>
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Year ended January 31, 1961

STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

Education:

Unclassified:

Capital Reserve Fund	1,000.00				1,000.00	1,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance	200.00				200.00	200.00
County Tax	1,106.30				1,106.30	1,106.30
Overlay	174.56				174.56	174.56
Tax Lien Costs	96.66				96.66	19.00
Interest	15.76				15.76	77.66
Temporary Loans	7,000.00				7,000.00	15.76
	2,480.86	7,112.42			9,593.28	7,000.00
					9,325.30	267.98

Charities:

Town Poor	1,000.00				1,270.65	2,270.65
A.D. C.	1,000.00				20.00	1,000.00
State Poor		20.00				20.00
	2,000.00	20.00	1,270.65		3,290.65	2,000.00
					3,390.53	99.88
Total All Departments	(218.38)	24,050.86	21,121.72	3,964.39	48,918.59	45,577.91
					2,631.85	1,241.23
					1,222.67	727.39

Fire Protection

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Expended	1,051.22
Overdraft	51.22

The Fire Department answered the following calls:

General Alarms:

Grass

Royce Grindle

Chimney Fires:

Levi Ellis

Raymond Webb

Royce Grindle

Booster hose used	1,200 ft.
1 1/2 inch hose used	200 ft.
Total Used	<u>1,400 ft.</u>
Man hours fighting fires	74
Man hours in training	180
Total hours	<u>254</u>

Why we should change from volunteer to a call Fire Department.

About 10 years ago there were forty members with about twenty members taking an active part. Today there are about twenty members and only six taking an active part. Of these six only two or three can operate the equipment properly. This means that when we go to a fire there are only two or three that know what to do. The rest are more or less lost. When you call in a fire alarm and the Department arrives they have complete control of your house, personal property and perhaps your life savings. I, for one, do not feel as if a department of this type is strong enough to handle this situation. I don't mean in man power but untrained manpower, for what good are forty men if they are not trained to do the job. The members are certainly not at fault, for why should they spend fifty to sixty hours in training when they do not receive any compensation in any way, shape or manner. The active members and myself feel that the days of volunteer fire department are numbered and we propose the following to cope with the situation and give you the kind of protection that you can be proud of.

1. Reorganize the Department from volunteer to call.
2. Have twelve regular paid members, the rest to be paid if called.
3. Pay the regular members \$1.00 per hour for every fire and training session that they attend.
4. Set up regular training sessions.

Please consider Article 29 pertaining to the Fire Department very carefully.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL SMITH
Fire Chief

Town Clerk's Report

I hereby submit my report for the fiscal year, ending Jan. 31, 1961.

MARRIAGES

Robert Tozier and Geraldine Hall
Married April 15, 1960

Donald A. Hall and Hazel M. Leathers
Married April 30, 1960

Frank C. Coombs and Patricia L. Elden
Married June 24, 1960

BIRTHS

Frank Joel Gerow
Born January 15, 1960

Mark Elden Brown
Born February 11, 1960

Dana Edward Costigan
Born March 25, 1960

Barbara Ellen Wescott
Born April 25, 1960

Charlene Virginia Bridges
Born May 11, 1960

Bonnie Arlene Burnham
Born June 4, 1960

Laurie Ann Herbest
Born June 5, 1960

Steven Thomas Young
Born July 9, 1960

Brent Stanley Costigan
Born July 30, 1960

John Perry Rainey
Born September 30, 1960

Francis Cameron St. Peter
Born December 17, 1960

REPORT OF DOG LICENSES

42 Males

12 Females - 2 in Kennels

10 Spayed Females

Fees: Males \$1.40, Spayed Females, \$1.40, Females \$5.40,
Kennels \$10.15.

This page is reverently dedicated to the memory of the departed.

"Just as our steps are hushed in the velvet snow,
So, does a loved voice live within the heart."

Charlene Virginia Bridges
Died August 30, 1960

Brent Stanley Costigan
Died October 18, 1960

Blanche S. Harriman
Died January 5, 1961

Lewis E. Frye
Died February 1, 1961

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA AVERY
Town Clerk of Prospect

Report of Public Health Nurse

Public health, in simple terms, is the sum total of the health of individuals and families living in a community. An organized program for public health is one that offers those individuals and families every possible chance of living and enjoying life, free from the handicaps of preventable disease and disability. In more formal terms, the objective of a public health program is to bring to all the people the benefits of modern medical and related sciences including the care and rehabilitation of the sick and disabled, the promotion of healthful living, and the prevention and control of disease.

A number of people are involved in the attaining of this objective. All together they make up a "health team". The public health nurse is an essential member of this team. She shares in planning and action with other workers in the fields of health, education, and welfare; with physicians, hospitals, clinics; with school personnel; with citizen groups. One of her important functions is coordination with the others involved to provide public health services to individuals, families, and community. Citizens of the community are also essential members of the health team. Alert to the health needs of their community, taking their share of responsibility to meet these needs, their contribution as health workers is indispensable to the effectiveness of the public health program. A vital, dynamic, working "health team" in the local community strengthens the public health not only of that community, but also of the State and the Nation.

Your public health nurse submits the following summary of public health nursing services in your town for the year 1960:

Three child health conferences were held with an attendance of 51 infant and preschool children. Twenty-three children received protection against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus; 2 were vaccinated against smallpox, and 40 were given polio vaccine.

One clinic was held for the purpose of giving "flu vaccine" to any individual in the community; 93 people took advantage of this clinic. A second clinic is to be held in the latter part of January, 1961 to complete this program.

Seventy-three school children were given audiometer tests to find those with defective hearing.

Twenty-five home visits were made to prenatal and postpartum patients, infants, preschool and school children; to children known to Crippled Children's Service, Pediatric Service, Cardiac Clinic; and to tuberculosis patients and their contacts.

Twenty-four interviews were held with school personnel, town officials, committee members and other agencies to plan and carry out these public health nursing services.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA CREAMER
Public Health Nurse

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Fiscal Year 1960 - 1961

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helen Harriman	Term expires March 1961
Mrs. Vera Dyer	Term expires March 1962
Mr. Gordon Clements	Term expires March 1963
Mrs. Helen Harriman, Chairman	

To the School Committee, Parents, and Citizens:

Following is the annual report for the public schools of the Town of Prospect.

		<u>ENROLLEMENT</u>	
<u>Clark School</u>		<u>Marsh School</u>	
Grade 1	9	Grade 5	20
2	14	6	7
3	11	7	8
4	6	8	7
Total	<u>40</u>	Total	<u>42</u>
Total Elementary	82		

Tuition Students

Bucksport High School	14 (2 in gr.9 - 3 in gr.10 - 5 in gr.11 4 in gr.12)
Searsport High School	4 (All in grade 10)
Bangor High School	1 (Grade 10)
Hampden Academy	1 (Grade 11)
Camden High School	1 (Grade 11)
Stockton Springs High School	2 (1 in gr.10 - 1 in gr.12)
Total	<u>23</u>
Grand total for all pupils	- 105

OUR SCHOOL PROBLEM

Citizens have known for some time that the two schools are crowded. There are about 40 pupils in both the Clark and Marsh Schools and 30 should be a maximum number.

Each teacher has four grades and with children with varying ability all will agree that the teacher is limited in the amount of attention that can be given to each class. It is almost impossible to give individual attention.

If the enrollment increases in any degree, these two buildings will not house the pupils. Furthermore, the town does not have a subprimary class and this is required in the state Foundation Program.

Our children do not have the advantage of special classes in music and art; and the present organization hardly allows real supervision.

Our school buildings are (in the light of modern times) almost completely out-of-date and obsolete. There are very few schools anywhere that do not have running water without which a building cannot be kept clean and sanitary. In extreme cold weather, it is difficult to heat the buildings so that children may remain in school for the day.

These conditions are, or should be, well-known to all citizens of Prospect.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

There two possible solutions:

1. Continue as an independent school unit and build a four-room building. It appears that the only way to finance this building is to borrow from the Maine School Building Authority. This will be costly.

2. Join the proposed Administrative School District with Verona with a contract with Bucksport for education of high school pupils. This procedure will cost the taxpayer less than any other plan.

Borrowing from the Maine School Building Authority

At a special Town Meeting the people authorized the school committee to make application for a loan of \$40,000.00 to build a four-room school building. This would mean hiring another teacher, including a subprimary; and there would be three grades to a room. This is far from ideal but it would be an improvement. In particular, it would provide children with a new building with running water and adequate playing ground.

The committee has received a reply from the Authority. This agency will loan the money with the following condition: that Prospect raise the sum of \$5,000.00 in addition to the \$5,175.00 the town has now in a Capital Reserve Fund. Furthermore, there are other costs that result in the first annual payment of about \$4350.00; and this is higher than we anticipated. To this annual payment must be added the expense of another teacher and the probable higher cost of maintaining a new building. Obviously, this plan would raise taxes a good deal and it is a plan the citizens would hesitate to adopt.

The Proposed Administrative District

A descriptive folder has been mailed to each post office box-holder, and some important facts are repeated in this report.

What is an Administrative District?

It is a group of two or more towns close together geographically, joined together to operate, co-operatively, a public school system which is better, because it is larger than any of the towns could afford to operate alone.

The purpose of an Administrative District is to operate an efficient modern school system - one that is geared to the needs of today's youth. The District provides a greater uniformity of school tax rates and a more effective use of public funds for the support of public schools.

What towns will be in the proposed District?

Prospect and Verona; Bucksport would offer a long-term contract for educating high school pupils.

What about a school building?

The plan is to build a school somewhere in Prospect for grades subprimary through grade 8. Verona would continue to send all its pupils to Bucksport.

Who would own this building?

The citizens of Prospect and Verona as members of this school organization.

Who would be in control of the school or schools in this District?

It would be controlled as is now - by a committee elected by the citizens of the new District. Town lines will disappear as far as schools are concerned. These committee members will be called Directors.

Who will pay the bill?

The citizens of Prospect and Verona with a lot more help from the State. Prospect and Verona would pay in proportion to the state land valuation, and this is about the same for each town.

What will the plan cost?

If Prospect joins this District this spring, there will be no change in cost until the fiscal year 1962 when the plan will be in full operation.

The cost in 1962 would be as follows:

<u>Net School Operating Costs</u>	<u>Cost of New Construction</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$12,020.00	\$680.40	\$12,700.40

It may help to summarize comparative costs for (1) staying as we are; (2) borrowing from the Maine School Building Authority; (3) joining the proposed School Administrative District.

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Net Operating Costs</u>	<u>New Building Costs</u>	<u>Total</u>
As we are (1961)	10,100.	none	10,100.
Building Authority	*16,000.	4,340.	20,340.
Adm.Dist.	*12,020.	680.40	12,700.40

* With a new school building and another teacher. Please bear in mind, these figures are for the year 1962.

Conclusions:

1. It is far cheaper to join the Administrative District.
2. By joining the Administrative District the town will receive aid for new construction and increased aid for school maintenance.
3. It is very expensive and almost prohibitive to borrow from the Maine School Building Authority.
4. No matter what course we take (if we are to have improvements) it will cost more money.
5. We are being taxed anyway for the cost of Administrative Districts. Why not take advantage of the plan?
6. In the light of our needs and our ability to pay, the plan for an Administrative District with Verona and a contract with Bucksport for high school pupils - this seems almost too good to be true.

FINANCES

Comparative Appropriations

	1960	1961	Difference
Common Schools	7,000.00	5,100.00	1,900.00
Tuition	6,000.00	5,000.00	1,000.00
Repair Account	500.00		

The decrease in appropriation requests for March 1961 is made possible by a larger state subsidy.

COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS

Your school committee members have been active in performance of their duties, and have taken part in every move or thought for school improvements.

The floor at the Marsh School has been covered with asphalt tile and this makes it easier to keep a clean floor and it improves

the appearance of the interior.

Children of several grades received fluoride treatment for teeth during the year, and this is planned for another year. It appears that many children seldom visit the dentist and there is a great need for more dental care among our school children.

We wish to thank our teachers for their services, especially when the schools are crowded and they work under difficult circumstances.

The good attendance at the Special Town Meeting and at the public meetings regarding schools - this has been heartening and positive evidence that the people of Prospect are going to take steps to improve schools for their young people.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD B. PIERCE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Fiscal Year 1960-1961

ELEMENTARY ACCOUNT

Income

Bal. Feb.	\$	
Appropriation, March		7,000.00
State Fund		5,473.00
Physically Handicapped		166.11
Miscellaneous		<u>8.02</u>
		\$12,647.13

Expenditures

Teaching	6,283.46
Fuel	474.40
Janitor and Cleaning	714.05
Conveyance	2,275.06
Books	449.29
Supplies	314.70

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Utilities	297.58
Supervision	550.59
Insurance	95.10
Overdraft	<u>617.57</u>
	12,071.80
Balance	575.33

SECONDARY ACCOUNTIncome

Appropriation, March	\$ 6,000.00
State Fund	<u>2,461.00</u>
	\$ 8,461.00

Expenditures

Tuition - Hampden	77.48
Camden	400.18
Searsport	1,162.80
Stockton Springs	956.34
Bangor	343.51
Lewiston	135.00
Bucksport	4,979.15
Higgins Classical	<u>221.68</u>
	\$ 8,276.14

Balance	184.86
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GENERAL ACCOUNTIncome Expenditures

Appropriation, March	\$ 500.00	Repairs	\$ 489.56
Balance, February	.18	Equipment	44.14
	\$ 500.18		\$ 533.70

Overdraft - \$ 33.52

General Account

Income	
Bal. March 1960	.18
Appropriation, March 1960	<u>500.00</u>

Expenditures

Longview Lumber Co.	1.90
Walter Harriman, labor	160.00
Hampden Hardware	287.69
Littlefield Lock & Key Co.	3.53
Dunham-Hansom	11.16
Winterport Hardware Co.	13.10
Spurden's Electric	7.00
Winterport Hardware	5.18
R.B. Dunning Co.	11.60
Vacuum cleaner	15.00
Hammett Co.	5.04
City of Bucksport (desks)	<u>12.50</u>
	<u>533.70</u>
Overdraft	\$ 33.52

**TOWN OF PROSPECT, MAINE
1961 ASSESSORS' NOTICE**

The Assessors of the Town of Prospect hereby give notice to all persons liable to taxation in said town, that they will be in session at the Selectmen's Office in said town, on the 1st day of April, at 10 A.M. for the purpose of revising lists of the polls and estates taxable in said town.

RESIDENT OWNERS

All inhabitants of the Town of Prospect, Maine, and all Administrators, Executors, Trustees, etc., of all estates taxable in said town of such persons are hereby notified to MAKE AND BRING INTO THE ASSESSORS TRUE AND PERFECT LISTS OF THEIR POLLS AND ALL THEIR ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they were possessed on the first day of April, 1961, and be prepared to make oath to the truth of the same and to answer all proper inquiries in writing as to the nature, situation and value of their property liable to be taxed.

ESTATES DISTRIBUTED

And when estates of persons deceased have been distributed during the past year, or have changed hands from any cause, the Executor, Administrator, or other persons interested, are hereby warned to give notice of such change, and in default of such notice will be held under the law to pay the tax assessed although such estate has been wholly distributed and paid over.

PERSONS DOOMED

And any resident owner who neglects to comply with this notice is thereby barred of his right to make application to the ASSESSORS or the COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, for any abatement of his taxes, unless he offers such list with his application and satisfies them that he was unable to offer it at the time appointed.

Blank schedules will be furnished at the Assessors' Office on application.

Date Posted..... 196

Assessors of Prospect

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